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(Washington, DC) – Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-03) has succeeded Congressman Brad Miller (NC-13) as the co-chair of the Historic Preservation Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressman Carnahan has been a long-time leader in the use of both the federal and state historic preservation tax credits. Since being elected to Congress, he has been a strong advocate for historic preservation as a Caucus member, a supporter of increased HPF funding for the SHPOs, and the sponsor of the Rehabilitation Enhancement Act, a comprehensive series of improvements to the federal credit, introduced in 2004 and 2006.

“Congressman Brad Miller’s on-going service and leadership to historic preservation is commendable,” said Congressman Carnahan. **“As co-founder to this important caucus he laid a solid groundwork that I hope to expand upon along with my colleague Michael Turner.”**

The Congressional Historic Preservation Caucus brings together members of Congress who understand the value of ’s historic places and their potential. Members join together to support and encourage the preservation and thoughtful economic development of historic places in their districts and states as a matter of national policy. The caucus serves as a clearinghouse for members seeking information and sharing ideas on local, state and national issues and opportunities in

historic preservation.

Congressman Carnahan has made strengthening federal historic tax credits a priority of his since taking office. As a State Representative, Carnahan helped promote Missouri 's historic tax credits.

“Missouri’s historic preservation efforts serve as a model for the rest of the nation,” said Carnahan.

“As co-chair of the Historic Preservation Caucus, I look forward to preserving historic places for future generations.”

Missouri has ranked first in the nation for the number of federal historic rehab tax credit projects successfully completed, up-front investment in labor and materials for the federal historic rehab tax credit and approved preliminary applications.

Congressman Michael Turner (R-OH) serves as the Republican co-chair of the bipartisan Historic Preservation Caucus.